

Anty b E. 15 (23)

An Oath or Protestation testifying our fidelity to his Majesty, thought fit to be taken by all men of what quality soever, in the County of York, and in the City of York, and County of the same City, in these times of eminent danger, and to that purpose, commanded by his Excellencie the Marques of Newcastle, to be taken according to the Instructions herewith printed.

I A. B. doe hereby testifie and declare, That our Sovereigne Lord King Charles, is true and lawfull King of England, and of all His other Dominions, and that neither the two Houses of Parliament, the People, nor any part of them, have any Power, or Authority over him, or the Crowne, neither ought they or any of his Subjects of the Kingdome of England, or his other Dominions, upon any pretence whatsoever, to take up Armes against His sacred Majesty, His Person, His Crowne, His Generalls, or Souldiers authorized by Him; nor may they by any authority, or pretence whatsoever, make, or levy Warre within this Kingdome, or his other Dominions, or any wayes use his Royall Authority, or Name for that purpose, without His evident and publique consent before obtained. And I doe further sweare, that I will beare true Faith and Allegiance to his sacred Majesty, and his Crowne, and to my might and power will serve, and assist him, his Generalls, and all under their Command, against all such as have taken, or shall take up Armes against him, or them, or that have, or shall take up Armes within this Kingdome, without his Majesties evident, publique, and reall authority, And especially against, Robert Earle of Essex, Robert Earle of Warwick, and Ferdinando Lord Fairfax, (pretended Generalls, and Admirall for the Parliament, and all their Associates and Confederates, and all others whatsoever, that derive not their Authority by particular Commissions from his Majesty, and his Generalls. And I doe further declare, from the bottome of my heart, that if any of the Scottish Nation shall presume to enter into this Kingdome, in a War-like manner, without his Majesties evident, and publique Authority first obtained and published, I will readily rise with the best Arms I have, or can procure, and to the utmost of my ability, with the hazard of my life and fortune, will serve, and assist his Majesty, his Generalls, and all under their Command, in resisting, opposing, repelling, and pursuing such Scots, in an Hostile way, as Rebels and Traitors against his Majesty, and Enemies to the Crowne of England; And I shall hold their Cause much more odious, if they presume to make Gods Word, and Religion, a pretence for their disloyall and traiterous

And all this I doe unfainedly sweare, without any equivocation, or mentall reservation. So help me God.